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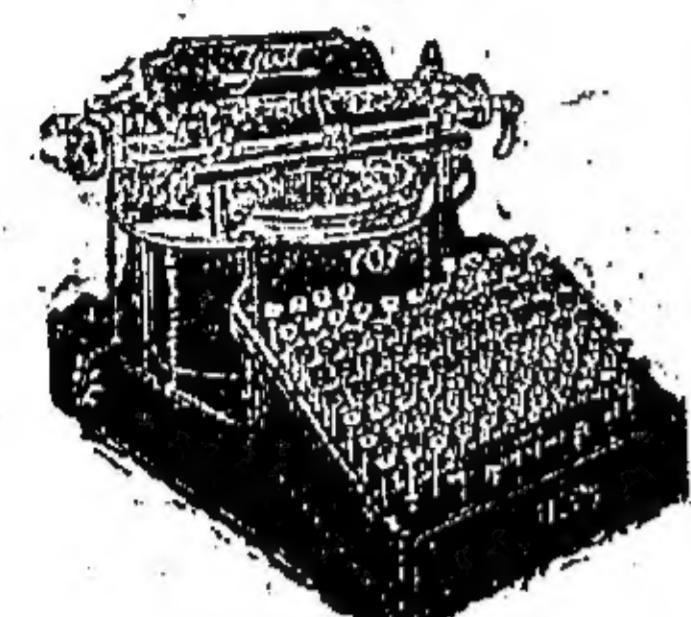
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Hongkong, April 26, 1907. 818

SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takasima,  
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Collieries and also Hojo Colliery,  
which will shortly be ready to produce on a  
large scale the best Burmese Coal.The Head and Branch Offices and the  
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order for Coals produced from the above  
Collieries.T. MATSUKI, Manager, Hongkong,  
No. 2, PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, April 26, 1907. 818

It is computed on good authority that the  
value of vessels and cargoes annually  
lost on the British coast exceeds  
£20,000,000, but the difficulties of sub-  
sequent work are so tremendous that a very  
small proportion of this buried treasure is  
ever brought up. There is no golden rule  
for the salvaging of sunken vessels. Condi-  
tions vary, and methods have to be altered  
in detail in almost every instance. In the  
case of vessels sunk in shallow water con-  
trifugal pumps are found the most effective  
appliances.The divers' work consists of stopping  
holes, repairing the damage to the hull,  
battening down and strengthening the  
decks, and fixing the auction-pipes. When  
this is properly done the vessel becomes  
practically water-tight. The water is then  
pumped out, and the ship gradually rises  
to the surface as it is lightened. Frequent-  
ly it is found that jagged rocks have  
penetrated the bottom of the ship, and these  
have to be blown away with small  
charges of dynamite and the damage  
repaired before pumping can commence.

This was the case with H. M. S. "Sultra,"

sunk between Malta and Gozo, and raised  
by Messrs Baghino Bros. of Genoa. The pro-  
jecting rocks were blasted and the divers  
walled up the great apertures with bricks  
and a special cement which sets under water.

In the case of the battleship "Howe"

(10,300 tons), which was stranded near  
Ferrol, Spain, the rocks drove right through  
the lower bottom, and over 400 cubic feet

were blasted away before she was raised.

A large shield was then constructed and  
fixed over the damaged parts by divers, and  
the vessel was subsequently pumped out.

The "Howe," which carried four 67-ton guns,

was floated by the Neptune Salvage Com-  
pany, of Stockholm, who have salvaged  
property representing in its damaged con-  
dition about £6,000,000. The s.s. "Utopia,"sunk between Malta and Gozo, and raised  
by Messrs Siebe, Gorman and Co., of London,  
had cofferdams attached to their gunwales  
and were then pumped out.

GREAT LIFTING HULKS.

In cases where the wreck lies so deep that  
the use of pumping machinery is impossible,  
large lifting hulks are moored over the  
sunken craft. The method usually employ-  
ed when there is a rise of tide is to have  
two or more hulks placed together with  
timber, and having sufficient buoyancy to  
enable them to sustain the full weight of  
the water-logged wreck. The lifting hulks  
are moored immediately above the wreck,  
and powerful wire ropes falling from their

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Hongkong, May 9, 1907. 838

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Hongkong, May 9, 19

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Apply to LEIGH & ORANGE,

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Hongkong, February 19, 1907. 25

## TO LET.

NO. 8, GRANVILLE AVENUE,

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Apply to HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE

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Hongkong, March 27, 1907. 490

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ROOMS on Second Floor of VICTORIA

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A 5-Roomed House, Low Rental.

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Hongkong, October 24, 1906. 27

## THE CHINA MAIL.

sides are attached to the wreck below, or passed underneath it by divers.

At low tide the wires are drawn taut, and consequently as the tide rises the

wreck is raised clear of the bottom. It is

carried thus along in wire ropes beneath

the pontoons until it grounds in shallow

water. At low tide the slings are again

drawn taut, and at the ensuing high tide

the wreck again swings clear. This operation

is repeated until the vessel is left high and

dry.

## "SLINGING" A WRECK.

In this way H.M.S. "Eurydice," sunk off

the Isle of Wight, was raised from fifteen

fathoms—90ft. of water—by the Admiralty.

Thus, "Lockley Hall," sunk in the Mersey,

was raised in a similar manner, four hulks

being used, each capable of lifting 600 tons.

When there is no rise and fall of the

tide and the wreck lies too deep for pumping,

the difficulties are greater. The

method usually adopted is to align the

wreck in wire hulks as previously de-

scribed. Water is then pumped into the

lifting hulks sinking them so far as safety

permits. The slings are then drawn taut,

the water

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DEATH.

At the Government Civil Hospital, on  
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The Funeral will pass the Monument at  
6 p.m. to-morrow.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auctions.

Noon—Auction of Goodwill, Stock-in-  
Trade, &c., at No. 17, Queen's Road  
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c., at No. 2, Kimberley Villas,  
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Goods per Kuanzang undelivered after 4  
p.m. on this date will be handed.

MONDAY, May 20.—

Exchange Banks Close.  
Goods per Kuanzang undelivered after this  
date at Noon will be subject to rent and  
lading charges.

TUESDAY, May 21.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios,  
&c., at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's  
Sales Rooms.

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Bowling Club,  
Ltd., in Club Premises.

Transfer Books of Peak Tramways Co.,  
Ltd., close from this date to 31st May,  
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SATURDAY, May 22.—

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SATURDAY, May 25.—

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Noon—Meeting of Peak Tramways Co.,  
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12.30 p.m.—Meeting of A. S. Watson &  
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FRIDAY, May 31.—

Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong and  
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City Hall.

SATURDAY, June 29.—

Noon—Meeting of the National Bank of  
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SUNDAY, June 30.—

Noon—Meeting of the Bank of China, Ltd.,  
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## SANITARY COMMISSION'S REPORT.

### A Startling Indictment.

#### SERVICE HONEYCOMBED WITH CORRUPTION.

##### Important Recommendations.

The report of the Commission appointed by His Excellency Sir MATTHEW NATHAN on May 10, 1906, to inquire into the Administration of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was published to-day, being laid upon the Table at the Legislative Council Meeting.

The Commissioners—Messrs. E. A. HEWETT (Chairman) HENRY HUMPHREYS, A. SHELTON HOOPER, FUNG WA CHU and LAU CHU PAK—sat at 60 meetings, occupying 215 hours, and examined 183 witnesses, 134 of whom were Chinese.

The evidence adduced was startling, and convinced the Commission that most radical changes are absolutely necessary in the Sanitary Department.

They found corruption to exist to an undreamt of extent and unhesitatingly and unequivocally report that "No man is apparently too poor to be exploited, and there is no form of exaction, however mean and contemptible, to which the inspectors and servants of the Sanitary Department will not stoop."

##### Points from the Report.

The report being too lengthy to reproduce in full in this issue we merely give the salient points. The Commission being formed to enquire and report (1) Whether the Administration of the Sanitary and Buildings Regulations enacted by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, as now carried out, is satisfactory, and if not, what improvements can be made; and (2) Whether any irregularity or corruption exists or has existed among the officials charged with the administration of the aforesaid Regulations. The Commissioners only discovered that "not only great irregularities but corruption and bribery were rampant in the Sanitary Department, and there was reason to fear, extended throughout the staff of British Inspectors."

The Commissioners said in their report: "We had reason to believe that certain contractors and others, having dealings with the members of the Sanitary Department, were destroying or altering their books, and taking other measures to prevent the Commission from finding out the extent to which irregularities had been carried."

That the Administration of the Sanitary and Building Regulations, as carried out under the existing Ordinances, is most unsatisfactory, both in the Administration and in many of their regulations.

Of all the drastic sections of a very drastic Ordinance, section 175 probably affects property owners more seriously than any other. It is defective in the fundamental principles of equity inasmuch as it sacrifices vested rights without compensation. To quote from the petition of the land owners to His Excellency the Governor regarding the Public Health and Buildings Bill, September 29th, 1902, "No principle is more firmly established in our Constitution or has been upheld by our Courts than the principle that without compensation a violation of the rights of private property will not be permitted even for the public good," yet we find that this section, retrospective as it is, in its application, has already caused the property owners of Hongkong losses computed at several lakhs of dollars.

There can be no doubt that if this section of the Ordinance continues to be enforced without compensation, the losses will be still more serious.

The tendency of the Chinese to send their families away from the Colony is becoming more and more marked (see census returns which show an actual Chinese increase, exclusive of new Kowloon, of 287,553 as against the estimate given in the Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Colony for the year 1905 of 328,873, exclusive of new Kowloon, or a shortage of 51,290 persons).

Property in Hongkong until the last two or three years has been one of the favourite investments of the Chinese community and keen competition always existed whenever a property came into the market, but the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances of 1903 (section 175 of particular) have altered all that.

The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 originally drafted was (as was pointed out in the influential signed petition against it) the work of a novice.

That the Government recognised this to a certain extent is certain by the fact of its being withdrawn and a redraft of the Ordinance made. This redraft was intended to be final but before the ink was dry on it, it was found to be unworkable in many respects and wholesale amendments had to be made.

Even in its present form, it is a hasty and ill-considered document. It teems with ambiguous regulations and the confusion is made worse by the employment of different phrases and words to express the same meaning. Sub-section 2 of this very section (175) is a case in point.

Neither the Building Authority, Principal Civil Medical Officer, nor Medical Officer of Health, or anyone else in able to give exactly what it does mean, the inference is that houses of more than 60 feet in depth having two main portages in different streets require double—a much open space in the rear as is required by such houses having only one frontage but which are back to back or side-by-side.

The Hon. responsible the Director of Public Works admitted his evidence that the Government had received prima facie, and had been for years receiving revenue in the shape of rates and Crown rent from land which should have been devoted to wider roads and more roads and scavenging lanes.

The Government had been profiting by the insanitary condition of the Colony. That being so, some compensation at least should be made to property owners for such costly reconstructions as come under this section (175) and the consequent snatching in the earning power of the property.

The numerous changes in our laws respecting property and the fact that these

are a few auxiliary books. The Assistant Secretary should be a man with some commercial training, preferably a book-keeper, and should be of British race.

We recommend that paper books, that is, a cash book, journal and ledger be kept.

##### Recommendation.

There is throughout the working of the Department, both as carried out in practice and as provided for in the Amended Ordinance, such and entire absence of system, to say nothing of discipline, that it is difficult to lay down clearly the duties of the individual officers of the Department, and in our opinion the only surest possible by which the Sanitary Board can be placed a satisfactory feeling, both as regards the work of the Government and the interests of the public, who are so greatly affected by the Ordinance, is to have them separated and the Department placed on a regular business basis, as would have to be in the case in a Municipality.

Conclusive evidence has been brought before us to show that bribing and black-mailing is of common occurrence, permeating the entire service from the Senior Inspectors downwards. This being so, the Chinese as a matter of course more than most the Government Officials half way, and in many cases readily offer presents before they are demanded.

Exactions vary from considerable sums of money to the demand for a few eggs at a reduced price, or a few bottles of beer.

No man is apparently too poor to be exploited, and there is no form of exaction, however mean and contemptible, to which the Inspectors of the Sanitary Department will not stoop.

We consider that the entering upon of the Principal Civil Medical Officer of almost despotic powers has certainly been an unhappy experiment, the continuance of which we cannot recommend.

We would suggest that the Administration of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances be entirely separate from the Public Works Department.

We would strongly urge that the Principal Civil Medical Officer under no circumstances be President of the Board. The post of President might, we consider, with advantage, be left to the decision of the Board, the President to be elected annually.

The Secretary, Medical Officer of Health, Executive Engineer, and, where necessary, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon should attend the Meeting of the Board, but have no vote.

All matters relating to Sanitary affairs, nuisances and actual construction or alteration of buildings should be entirely transferred to the Sanitary and Building Department, such Department to be divided into two sub-departments.

(1) There should be a Secretarial department, the Secretary being co-equal with the heads of the other sub-departments, but having the right to control the entire correspondence, and be kept fully advised as to that it is taking place, in exactly the same way that a Secretary to a Town Municipality, or of a large Company, is the centre of all information.

(2) The Medical, having at the head, the Medical Officer of Health, with Assistant Medical Officers of Health.

(3) The Engineering Section, with an Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineers, and Overseers, as may be found necessary.

(4) The Veterinary Department, under the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, with supervision of markets and food supplies generally.

The whole Department to be controlled by a Board formed of four official and six unofficial members, as at present, who shall have the complete ordering of the Department, recommend to the Governor all promotions or changes and alterations in the staff, and be accountable to His Excellency for the expenditure of the funds voted by the Legislative Council.

The Official Members to be the Principal Civil Medical Officer, the Director of Public Works, the Captain Superintendent of Police, and the Registrar General.

The Governor to have the appointment of two unofficial Members from amongst the Chinese community and two from among the British community. Of the latter, one might be the Principal Medical Officer, but in the event of His Excellency deciding to place this Officer on the Board, it should be distinctly understood that he takes his seat as an unofficial member, entirely unconnected with and uncontrolled by the Civil Government of the Colony.

Two unofficial Members to be selected from the British community, to be elected at present by the rate payers.

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##### Colonial Secretary's Minute.

###### THE COMMISSION—CARRIED.

The Colonial Secretary writing under date April 19 declares that the Commission has gone beyond its scope in criticising the principles involved in the enactment of section 175 of the Ordinance and in raising the question of compensation.

The statement of the Commission is that the enforcement of this section had had a disastrous effect upon the value of Chinese property is thus dealt with:—"The evidence which the Commissioners cite in support of their contention requires some what careful examination for I find that in very many cases the deductions and conclusions contained in the report are not consistent with the evidence from which they are drawn or upon which they are based." Instances which the Colonial Secretary considered demonstrated the correctness of his criticism are given at length. The minute goes on to question the accuracy of the statement that the tendency of the Chinese to send away their families is becoming more and more marked and asserts, in regard to children, that "the Commissioners have evidently not made themselves acquainted with the history of this question."

On the important dumping question the Colonial Secretary gives a list of seven distinct concessions made to the Chinese in order to make the plague preventive measures more acceptable to the Chinese.

"In spite of all these concessions" the minute reads, "the dumping of dead bodies continues unabated and shows no diminution to number." This the Colonial Secretary holds to be a sufficient answer to the Commission's assertion that little regard was given to enlisting the co-operation of the Chinese in combating plague.

Referring to the "New Scheme" the Colonial Secretary states that the P. C. M. O. exercises despotic powers and says that the only legitimate grievance that the Sanitary Board has in connection with the finances of the Department is that it has not been fully consulted as it might have been in connection with the framing of the annual estimates—a matter easily remedied.

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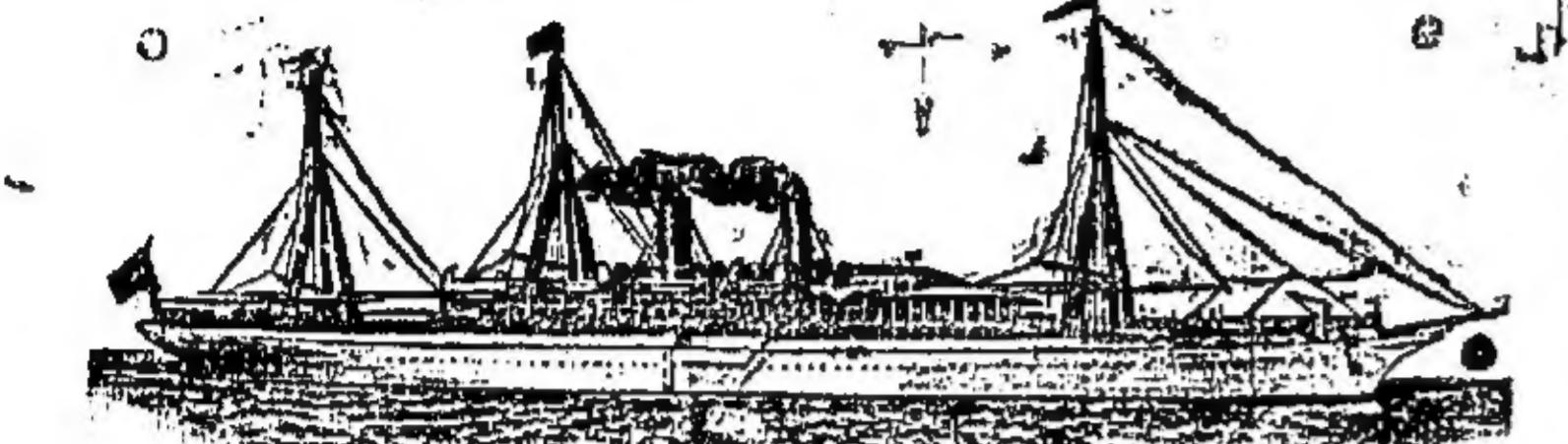
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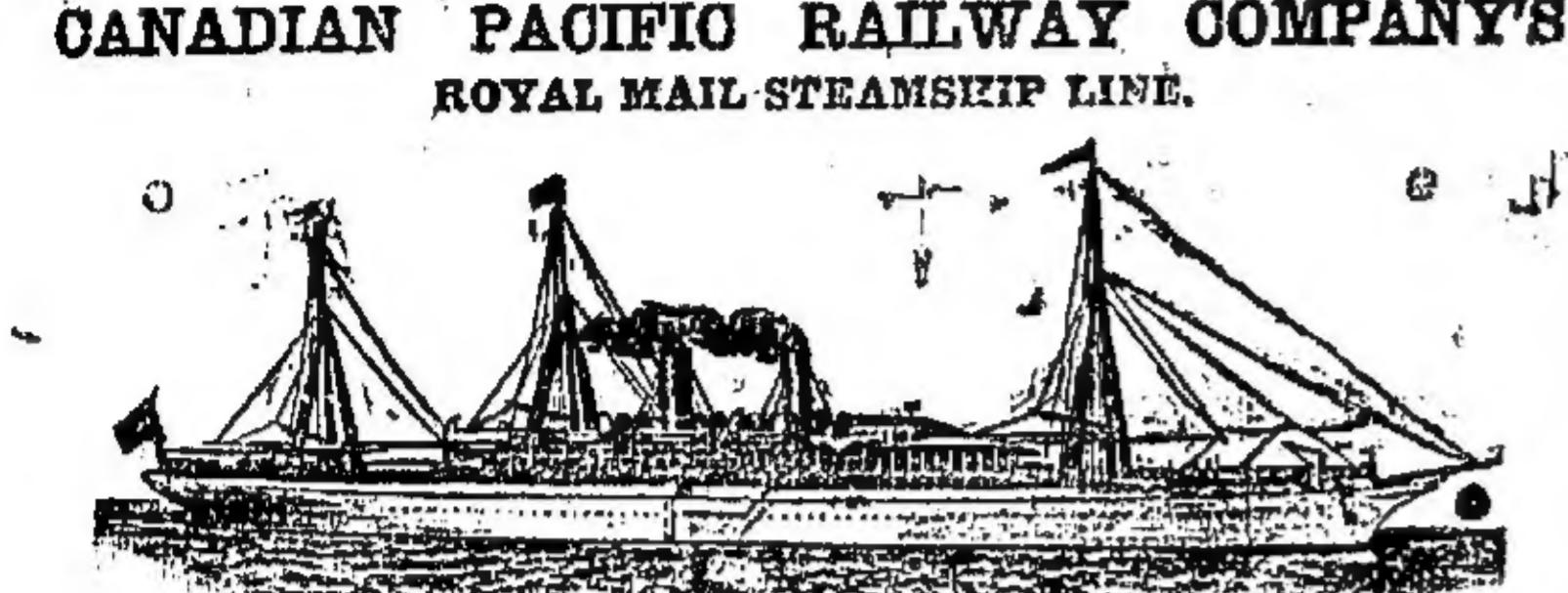
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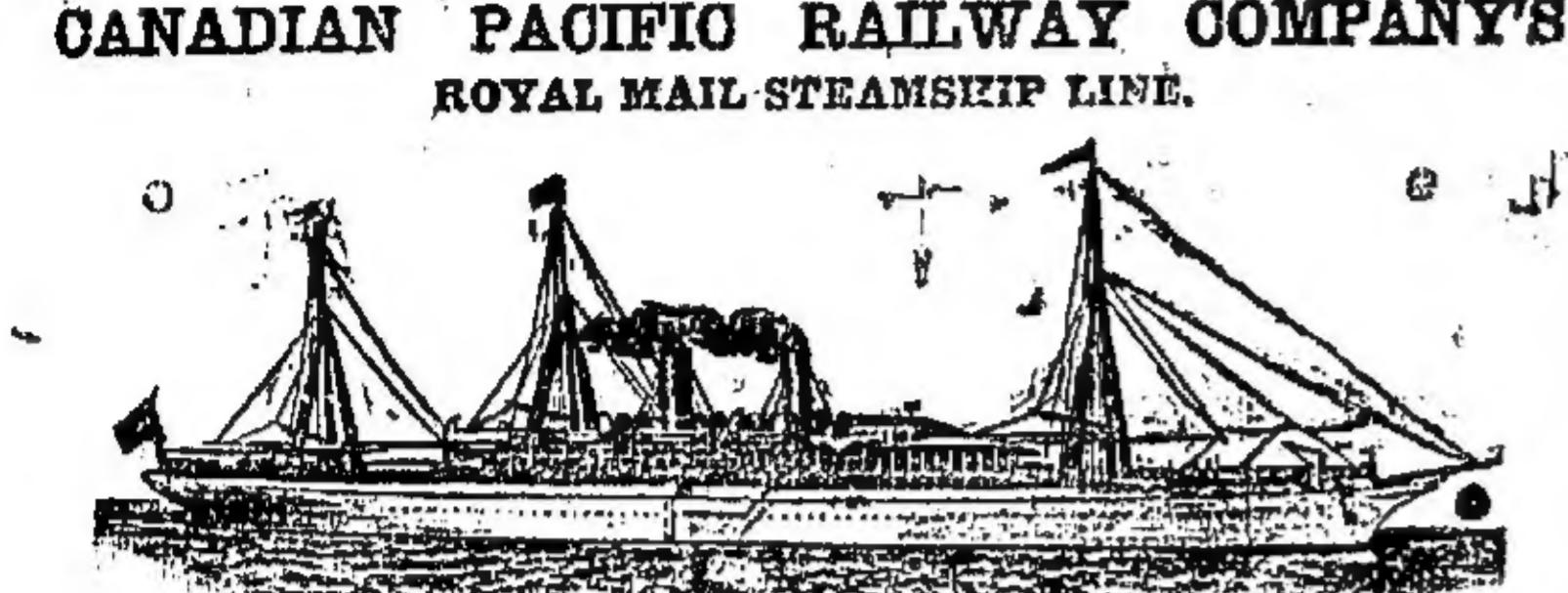
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